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In re application of:

Hubertus J. M. OP DEN CAMP *et al.*

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For: TRANSFORMED EUKARYOTIC CELLS THAT
DIRECTLY CONVERT XYLOSE TO XYLULOSE

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Examiner: Christian L. Fronda

Washington, DC

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action (final rejection) dated November 29, 2007. Submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time (1 month) up to and including March 31, 2008 (as March 29, 2008, fell on a weekend).

Applicants have communicated with the Examiner in this case since the last response was filed, conducted an interview, and discussed claims which Applicants would seek to enter now. Examiner Fronda confirmed that the nature of the amendments were such entry of such an Amendment after final would be denied. For this reasons, Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) in this case, along with the present paper.

Attached to this paper is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Dr. Jan A.M. de Bont (the “de Bont Declaration”) along with appendices thereto.

Applicants also draw the Examiner’s attention to the filing, herewith of a *Change of Attorney Address* and a *Request to Change the Attorney Docket Number*.

Amendments to claims appear in the Listing of Claims at page 2 of this paper.¹

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¹ Appendix A hereto provides the claims (clean, not marked up) arranged in logical vs. numerical order.